

Microbial Genetics Laboratory

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Dear Dr. Andrewes:

I would be pleased to have a reprint of your recently published Leeuwenhoek Lecture, if you can spare a copy. I enjoyed a hasty first reading very much, though I couldn't make out how serious you were about a "micro-soul".

Your remark about serotypic determination in *Salmonella* seemed almost prophetic—*vis. enclosure*— but isn't this coming very close to C.D.D? When the semantic difficulties are cleared up, we may find that geneticists will not be so reluctant to study viruses that behave like genes, whatever one chooses to call them. In fact, some of us have already been fooled into it, by your own account.

Yours sincerely,

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